GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1897
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REVIEW OF LAW RELATING TO WOMEN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has carried out any review of the laws relating to women;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the outcome of these reviews?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH)

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Commission for Women (NCW) and the Task Force on Women and Children (2000-2001) had reviewed various legislations affecting women from a gender perspective. The list of legislations reviewed by the NCW and the Task Force is enclosed as Statement.

(c) The Government has constituted a committee to review the progress of examination and implementation of the recommendations made by the NCW and the Task Force with regard to amendment in the laws. The Committee has representatives from the Ministries/Departments administratively concerned with the laws as well as from women`s voluntary organizations. The Hindu Succession Act, 1956 has been amended in the year 2005 to remove therefrom provisions discriminatory to women in the inheritance of property including agricultural land. In addition, a new law has been enacted, namely, the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 to fill the gap in this area in the existing laws.

Statement

S.No.	Name of Act	Whether revieved by NCW	Task Force
1.	The Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987	Yes	Yes
2.	Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961		
3.	Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986	Yes	Yes
4.	Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956	Yes	Yes
5.	Family Courts Act, 1984	Yes	Yes
6.	Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976		
7	Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970	Yes	Yes
8.	Employees State Insurance Act, 1948	Yes	Yes
9.	Equal Remuneration Act, 1976	Yes	Yes
10.	Factories Act, 1948	Yes	Yes
11.	Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979	Yes	Yes
12.	Legal Practitioners (Women) Act, 1923	Yes	Yes
13.	Maternity Benefit Act, 1961	Yes	Yes
14.	Minimum Wages Act, 1948	Yes	Yes
15.	Relevant provisions of Indian Penal Code	Yes	Yes
16.	Relevant provisions of Code of Criminal Procedure	Yes	Yes
17.	Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986	No	Yes
18.	Payment of Wages Act, 1936	No	Yes
19.	Plantations Labour Act, 1951	No	Yes
20.	Workmen`s Compensation Act, 1923	No	Yes
21.	Beedi and Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966	No	Yes
22.	Cinematograph Act, 1952	No	Yes
23.	Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971	Yes	No
24.	Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994	Yes	No
25.	Juvenile Justice Act, 1986	Yes	No
26.	Child Marriage Restraint act, 1929	Yes	No
27.	Foreign Marriage Act, 1969	Yes	No

28. Guardians and Wards Act. 1890 Yes No
29. Indian Succession Act, 1925 Yes No
30. Married Women`s Property Act, 1874 Yes No
31. Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 Yes No
32. Hindu Succession Act, 1956 Yes No
33. Indian Divorce Act, 1869 Yes No
34. Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act, 1956 Yes No
35. Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act, 1956 Yes No
36. Special Marriage Act, 1954 Yes No
37. Muslim Personal Law (Shariat) Application Act, 1937 Yes No
38. Relevant provisions of Indian Evidence Act Yes No
39. National Commission for Women, Act. 1990 Yes No
40. Converts Marriage Dissolution act, 1866 Yes No
41. Mental Health Act, 1987 Yes No
42. Cine Workers and Cinema Theatre Workers (Regulation of Yes No
Employment) Act, 1981
43. Mines Act, 1952 Yes No
44. Christian Marriage Act, 1872 Yes No

NCW has given certain comments on the draft Christian Marriage Bill. 2000 proposed by the Legislative Department.